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SUBJECT: "PRG" ISSUE AT SECOND SESSION OF CONFERENCE ON LAW OF WAR

REF: A. LONDON 0705

B. SAIGON 0553

1. WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION TO CONFIRM RUMOR REPORTED TO EMBASSY LONDON ON JANUARY 16 BY SQUIRES TO THE EFFECT THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE "PRG" HUMANITARIAN LIAISON OFFICE IN GENEVA WAS A NECESSARY PREREQUISITE TO THE CAMPAIGN TO REVERSE DECISION AT FIRST SESSION OF CONFERENCE ON LAW OF WAR NOT TO SEAT THE "PRG". HOWEVER, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT A FULL SCALE "PRG" DELEGATION HAS BEEN WAITING IN ALGIERS TO GO TO GENEVA TO ATTEND TL SECOND SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE, WE WOULD BELIEVE THE CAUSE AND EFFECT RELATIONSHIP IS CLEARLY APPARENT.

2. WE HAE NO REASON TO SUSPECT BAD FAITH ON THE PART OF THE SWISS, BUT WE DO BELIEVE THE EVIDENCE IS RATHER COMPELLING THAT THIS WAS THE INTERMEDIARY GOAL, IF NOT OF WALDHEIM, CONFIDENTIAL

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THEN CERTAINLY OF PART OF HIS STAFF. THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS AFTER

ADMISSION TO ONE OR MORE OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES TO  
PROCEED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OBSERVER STATUS OFFICE  
BOTH IN GENEVA AND NEW YORK.

3. THIS REPORT GIVES ADDED EMPHASIS TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS  
WE HAVE CONVEYED IN REF B (NOTAL), PARTICULARLY TO PARAS 2  
THROUGH 5 INCLUSIVE. ASSUMING THAT THE RECENT INTENSIVE  
BURST OF ACITIVITY WAS, IN REALITY, SERIOUSLY INTENDED TO BLUNT  
HANOI'S DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE ON BEHALF OF THE "PRG" WE SUGGEST  
THAT AN IMMEDIATE DECISION BE TAKEN TO ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO  
PROCEED WITH THE ACTIONS WE HAVE RECOMMENDED IN REF B.  
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